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1. As a result of Traicho Kostov's recent visit to Moscow, the USSR has agreed to lend technicians, engineers and specialists to Bulgaria for any branch of industry, whenever they may be required. Industries particularly concerned are electric and railroad-car construction, small ship-building yards, civil aviation and collective farming.
2. At the same time, Russia agreed to accept for training Bulgarian students, chemists, scientists and agricultural experts. It is expected that by September 1947 about 200 Bulgarian trainees will be arriving in Moscow.
3. Kostov's exposition of this second plan was warmly welcomed in Sofia, as the Bulgarian technicians do not like to be supervised in their own country by Soviet experts.
4. These plans will have priority as the Bulgarian government wishes to utilize all expert advice and technical ability in the furtherance of the two-year plan which should be fulfilled by the beginning of 1949.

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